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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 16, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL C. BURGESS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2003, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord our God, throughout the course of history, You have called forth people of Your own design to seize a moment of time and make a difference in the course of human events.

Sometimes You have raised up exceptional people, heroes in battle, learned scholars, powerful speakers and world leaders. At other times, You have simply used ordinary people faithful in their daily duties, doctors, laborers, parents or teachers, caught in a moment when a responsible decision, a strong voice or defined action was required of them. But always You have been faithful and Your people have responded in shaping this Nation.

In these exceptional times, You have called singular women and men to serve as Members in the House of Representatives of this 108th Congress. Be with them in their ordinary tasks of meeting people of divergent opinions and needs and representing a variety of peoples united as one Nation.

Forgetting themselves in their efforts to serve the best interests of others and the common good of this Nation, make of them exceptional people, who will be honored now and be remembered forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FILNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2115. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2115) "An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LOTT, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BREAUX, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1247. An act to increase the amount to be reserved during fiscal year 2003 for sustainability grants under section 29(l) of the Small Business Act.

S. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Epilepsy Awareness Month" and urging support for epilepsy research and service programs.

FCC MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE

(Mr. FILNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

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minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern and many of our concerns over the regulatory uncertainty wrought by the recent Federal Communications Commission so-called triennial review decision. In fact, the FCC has made so many mistakes recently, I think that the initial stands for "Forget Consensus in Congress."

In this case, the FCC missed the opportunity to bring clarity to the rules that promote facilities-based competition and would spur investment and create jobs. Instead, it has punted the decision to the States, all 50 of them. This move will force more State proceedings, more regulatory uncertainty, and without a doubt, more delay.

The telecommunications sector has certainly had its meltdown. It has already lost more than half a million jobs and \$2 trillion in market value. And immediately after the February decision, the industry lost a total capital value of \$15 billion. Wall Street certainly took note and downgraded the outlook for telecommunications companies. With this regulation stranglehold, these companies cannot effectively recover from recent losses, they cannot invest in expansion, and they cannot create or save American jobs. As many recent decisions show, we must hold the FCC more accountable.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2003

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 3 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 3 p.m.

□ 1500

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) at 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the

vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

BRUCE WOODBURY POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2254) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2254

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BRUCE WOODBURY POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2254, introduced by my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from the State of Nevada (Mr. PORTER), designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Colorado Street in Boulder City, Nevada, as the "Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building."

Mr. Speaker, this legislation honors a public servant whose contributions may not garner national attention; but in southern Nevada, few citizens are more highly regarded than Bruce Woodbury.

To those who live in and around the Third Congressional District of Nevada, Bruce Woodbury is known as a civic official who has been among the most influential in promoting the remarkable economic development of this booming region. He has chaired the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada for the last 11 years. In that capacity, his crowning achievement was securing the construction of the Las Vegas Beltway,

probably the most ambitious transportation project ever in Clark County.

Bruce Woodbury also has served on the Clark County Commission in southern Nevada for 21 years. Mr. Woodbury has led this commission on the most important issues Clark County has had to face: health care, air and water quality, public transit, gaming, sanitation, and many others. His fellow commissioners have selected him to be the Chair of the Big Ben Water District Board of Trustees, the vice-chair of the Kyle Canyon Water District Board of Trustees, among several other posts.

Mr. Woodbury is also a partner at his law firm of Jolley, Urga, Wirth and Woodbury that has offices in Boulder City and in Las Vegas.

In his time away from work, he is also a member of the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and Elks Lodge. Previously he has sat on the board of trustees at a bank, the Las Vegas chapter of the Red Cross, and the Nevada Special Olympics. Finally, he has been appointed to many state level councils, boards, and other panels, truly too numerous to name.

In whatever spare time that he can find, Mr. Woodbury loves to spend as much time as he can with his wife, Rose, and their seven children, Adam, Ashley, Benjamin, Melissa, Rebecca, Rodney and Wendy, and their seven grandchildren: Anna, Elias, Jess, Joseph, Samuel, and Silvie Jane.

I understand that the gentleman from Nevada, the sponsor of this legislation and former mayor of Boulder City, has worked together with Bruce Woodbury on countless efforts affecting the residents of southern Nevada. They have developed a close relationship, and I applaud my colleague from Nevada for his work on this meaningful measure. This post office in Boulder City, Nevada will hopefully soon be named after a truly wonderful, all-around American.

Therefore, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 2254.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 2254, which names a postal facility in Boulder City, Nevada, after Bruce Woodbury.

H.R. 2254, which was introduced by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER) on May 22, 2003, has met the committee policy and has been cosponsored by all members of the Nevada delegation.

Mr. Woodbury is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada, and has lived in Boulder City for over 25 years. A distinguished community and civic-minded member of Boulder City, Mr. Woodbury has long been involved in city politics. As a member of the Clark County Commission for 21 years and the Regional Transportation Commission, Mr.